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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 13-15, 17, 18, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This contention is respectfully traversed.

In the final official action, the examiner contends that some of the subject matter is not supported by the specification. However, this contention is respectfully traversed, and it is respectfully suggested that, in fact, the claims are fully supported by the specification.

Claims 13-15, 17, 18, 27 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In response, please consider the following.

The rejection states:

"With regard to independent claim 13, the Disclosure does not support two claim elements comprising; "said first electronically operated device sensing a first control, and responsive to sensing said first control, creating a synthesized voice that requests information" and" wherein said first electronically operated

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device compares said recognized voice information against said stored contact information ... and controls automatically placing a call based on the stored contact information obtained from the recognized voice information. Paragraph 0034 of the Disclosure discloses it is the networked "second device" or "computer", not the "electronically operated device" that (determines and) compares said recognized voice information against the stored contact information and controls the call based on the stored contact list."

Note specifically that the claim defines both telephone and computer operation. It does not exclude the computer in any way, and in fact includes the computer as part of the claimed combination.

According to claim 13, the first electronically operated device includes a telephone function and controls receiving a telephone call. Responsive to receiving a first control, the first device is described as "creating a synthesized voice that requests information". Note that the specification, and specifically paragraphs 10-18, described how the electronically operated device includes a telephone handset together with the associated computer. Applicant believes that the specification very clearly supports the first electronically operated device, and its function, as being a combination of the handset and computer.

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Taking this interpretation, applicant will show how this claim is fully supported.

The first electronically operated device senses the first control, (on the handset 120).

The computer 100, part of the "first electronically operated device" is described at paragraph 16 as carrying out a flowchart of Figure 2. Note that this flowchart detects the incoming call at 205. Paragraphs 23- 25 of the specification describes how responsive to detecting a caller ID, the automated attendant will automatically answer "using voice synthesis technology". This reads on the claimed "responsive to sensing the first control". Note also that there is a "voice command" button 129, see paragraph 31 that can initiate the call.

The first electronically operated device includes a connection to a network that includes at least a second device. See figure 1 that shows a network, and another phone such as 130.

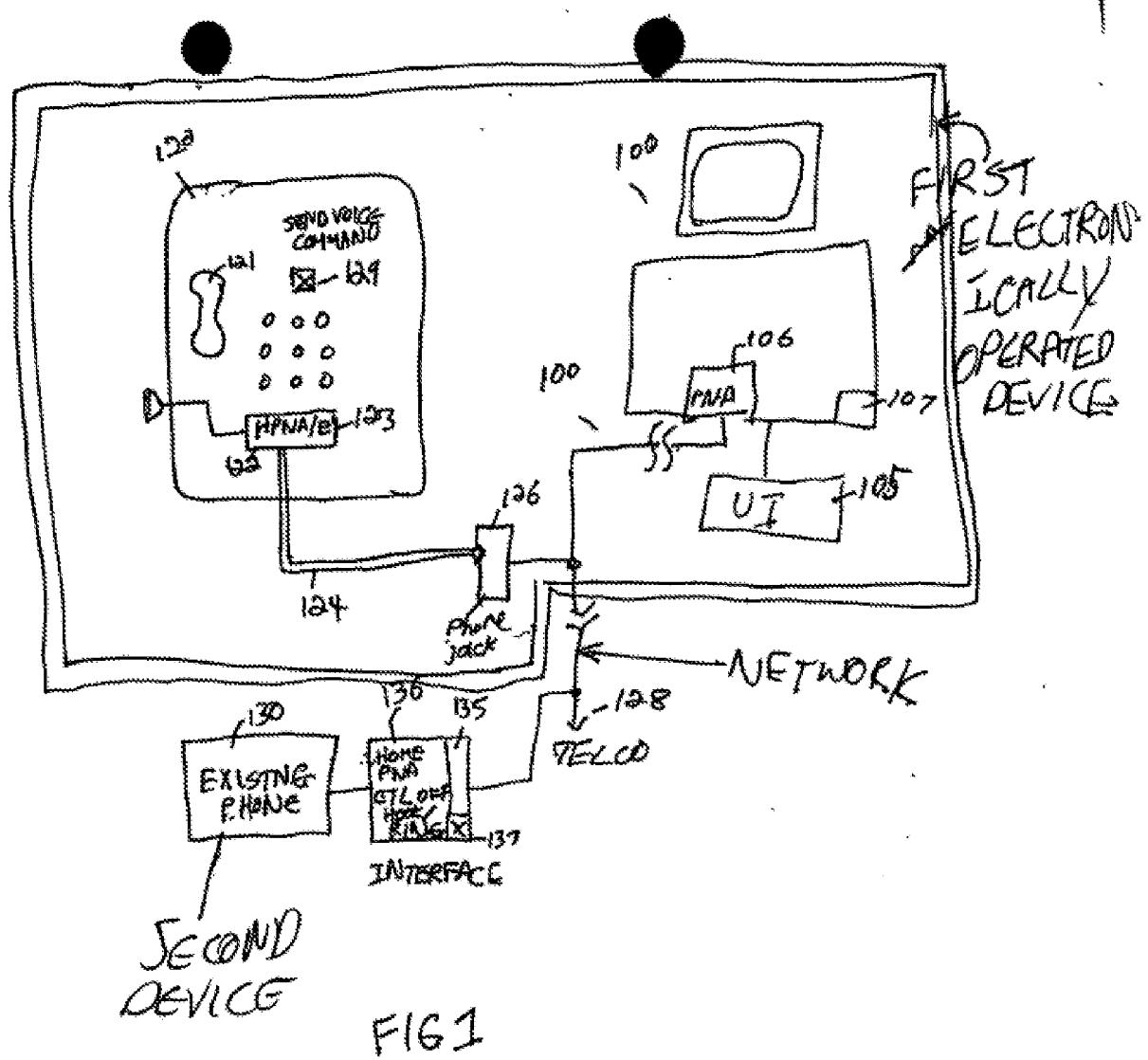
The first electronically operated device (the combination of handset and computer) obtains recognized voice information. See paragraph 33 and 34, which

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looks for a match between the name and the stored information. By determining this match, this system is obtaining recognized voice information.

The disclosure describes device stores plural different contact information (see the personal contact list in paragraph 34) compares that against the contact information (again see paragraph 34, and controls placing the call based on that contact information. See paragraph 34 and 35.

An annotated version of Figure 1, showing these various parts, follows to demonstrate that claim 13 is wholly supported.



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Accordingly, claim 13 is wholly supported by the original specification.

Claims 27 and 28 are canceled in order to obviate the rejections thereto

No prior art has been cited. Hence, the remaining claims should be allowable for these reasons.

For all of these reasons, it is respectfully suggested that all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that communications such as a telephone interview or email would facilitate disposal of this case, the undersigned respectfully encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail (using the email address scott@harrises.com). I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

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